Track Renewal in Bihar

4565. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The track renewal work done in Bihar during the last three years and progress made with regard thereto;

(b) whether any target for the State for track renewal was fixed for the said period; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether that target has been achieved; if not. the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to achieve the targets and track renewal likely to be taken up in the State during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Track renewal done during the last 3 years in Bihar is S35 km. (CTR Units).

(b) Yes Sir. The target fixed for track renewal in Bihar for the last 3 years was 852 km. (CTR Units).

(c) By and large target has been achieved. As against a target of 852 km (CTR Units) the progress achieved is 835 km (CTR Units). Less progress is on N. Eastern Railway which was due to problem of transportation of track materials due to on going gauge conversion on the Railway.

(d) A target of 293 Km. (CTR Units) has been fixed for track renewal during 1997-98 in Bihar State. Progress of works is being monitored closely and the target is expected to be achieved.

Free Railway Passes for Deaf and Blind persons

4566. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating issue of free Railway Passes to the deaf and the blind persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Docs not arise.

(c) At present concessions to Deaf and Blind persons are already available to the extent of 50% and 75% of fare respectively in I/II Class.

Construction of New Platform and dismantling of platform Nos. 18-19 at Delhi Junction Station

4567. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new passenger platform has been constructed by the Railways after remodelling of yard towards Kashmcre Gate side of Delhi Junction Station;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the old Metre Gauge Passenger platform Nos. 18-19 at Delhi Junction were totally dismantled during gauge conversion programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Metre Gauge Island plat form Nos. 18 & 19 (two faces) have been modified to suit Broad Gauge and converted into one face of platform No. IS.